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FOR: RAPID TISSUE PROCESSOR

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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- 2) Harold D. KIMREY
- 3) _____
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(hereinafter collectively ASSIGNOR),

has/have made an invention known as Dkt. PMS 266848 and entitled "**Rapid Tissue Processor**" for which an application for Letters Patent is being executed even date herewith and was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 14, 2000 as Appln. No. 09/ 735,918 ;

AND WHEREAS The University of Miami (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), an educational institution duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida and having its principal office at 1400 N.W. 10th Avenue, Suite 906, Miami, FL 33136, desires to acquire an interest therein;

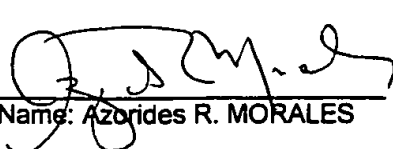
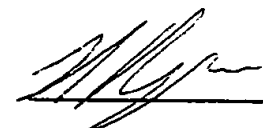
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